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construction, equipment and maintenance, the county commissioners are hereby authorized to issue from time to time bonds or notes of the county to an amount not exceeding \$50,000. Each authorized issue of bonds or notes shall constitute a separate loan. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words "County of Barnstable Infirmary loan, act of 1915;" shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within 10 years from its date; and the amount of such annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. The said bonds or notes shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent per annum, payable semiannually; and they shall be signed by the treasurer of the county and countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as the county commissioners may deem proper, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes specified herein.

SEC. 2. The county commissioners, at the time of authorizing said loan, shall provide for the payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this act; and a sum sufficient to pay the interest as it accrues on the bonds or notes issued as aforesaid by the county, and to make such payments on the principal as may be required under the provisions of this act, shall be levied as a part of the county tax of the county of Barnstable annually thereafter, in the same manner in which other county taxes are levied, until the debt incurred by said loan or loans is extinguished.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the county commissioners of the county of Barnstable may purchase or lease, or take by right of eminent domain, such land, not exceeding 500 acres in extent, as they may deem necessary or convenient therefor. Damages for the taking of land or for the doing of any other act under authority hereof may be recovered in the manner provided by law for the recovery of damages in the case of land taken for highways.

SEC. 4. The county commissioners shall appoint a board of five persons to act as trustees of the infirmary, three of whom shall be physicians and residents of the county, who shall make regulations for its government, and shall appoint a superintendent and such other officers and employees as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the infirmary.

SEC. 5. The location and construction of the said infirmary shall be subject to the approval of the State department of health.

SEC. 6. The towns of the county of Barnstable supporting patients in the said infirmary shall be entitled to any payments or repayments allowed under the laws of the Commonwealth in the same manner and subject to the same conditions which govern the support of tuberculous patients in a city or town hospital.

SEC. 7. The trustees of the said infirmary may receive and care for patients who are able to pay, upon such terms as the trustees shall fix, but preference shall be given to poor patients who are under the care of public health departments within the county.

SEC. 8. The provisions of this act shall relieve the towns of the county of Barnstable from the erection of separate hospitals for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis—Hospital Care of Patients—Investigation by State Department of Health and Trustees of Tuberculosis Hospitals Relative to Reimbursement of Cities and Towns. (Chap. 24, Res. Mar. 23, 1915.)

Resolved, That the State department of health and the trustees of hospitals for consumptives are hereby authorized and directed to investigate the subject of reimbursing cities and towns for money expended by them in the care at hospitals of persons suffering from tuberculosis, and especially the subject matter contained in Senate Document No. 102 of the current year, and to report the result of their investigation to the general court on or before the second Wednesday of January next, together with any recommendations for legislation which said department and trustees may deem expedient.